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§ Applicant: WYSSMANN et al.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

Together with PCT National Stage filing documents, Applicant requests that
the preliminary amendment set forth below be entered:

In the claims:

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Sub B7 1. (amended) A sheet-processing machine (1) having at least one chain
conveyor (13; 47; 112) which has chain gripper systems with grippers (16; 49; 113)
for transporting sheets (2; 82; 83), wherein arranged on the chain conveyor (13; 47;
112) is at least one cross-cutting device (21; 57; 120; 130) which interacts with said